

Missouri Seal of Biliteracy

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Missouri Seal Of Biliteracy 2023-24

The Missouri Seal of Biliteracy (Missouri Seal) promotes active participation in a global society and economy by incentivizing, recognizing and celebrating the acquisition of biliteracy skills and sociocultural awareness. The Missouri Seal is a policy-level commitment to develop proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation that aligns with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE's) goal of preparing Missouri students for a lifetime of success.

Missouri's policy meets the minimum criteria collaboratively developed by the American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), the Teachers of English to Speakers of Languages (TESOL) International Association, the National Association of Bilingual Education (NABE), and the National Council of State Supervisors for Languages (NCSSFL).

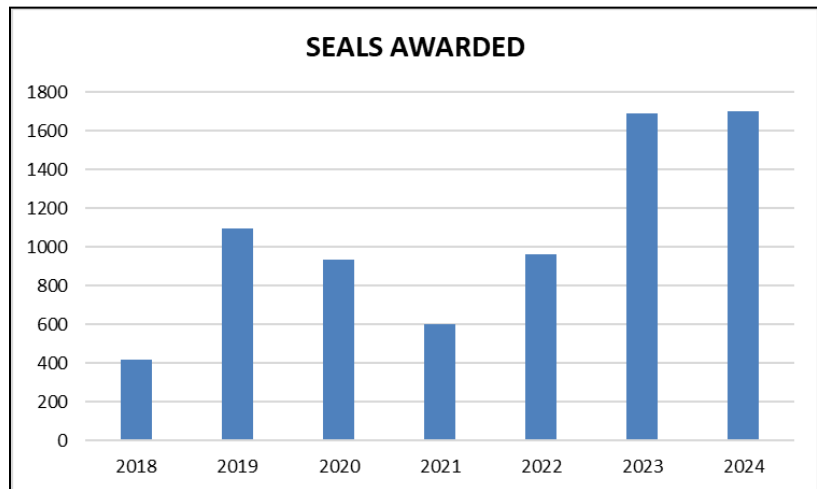
The Missouri Seal of Biliteracy is an award granted by a Missouri district/school to recognize a student who has attained proficiency in English and one or more other world language(s) before high school graduation. The recognition becomes a part of the official high school transcript for these students and serves to certify attainment of biliteracy for the community, employers and colleges/universities. The Missouri Seal is meant to

- encourage the study of a second language;
- recognize, promote, and praise students for their accomplishment;
- value diversity;
- provide employers with a means of identifying bilingual employees;
- provide universities with a method to recognize and give credit to applicants;
- prepare students with 21st century skills that will benefit them in a global economy and society;
- strengthen relationships and honor the cultures and languages in a community.



Students Earning The Missouri Seal Of Biliteracy

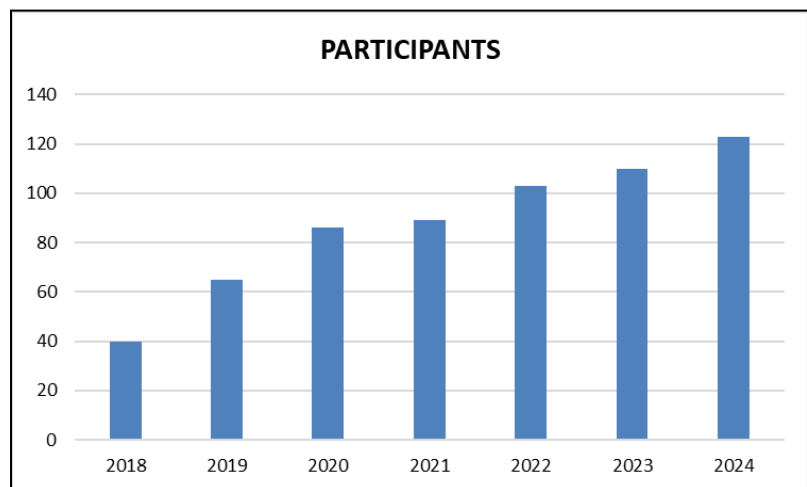
Year	Seals Awarded
2018	420
2019	1098
2020	932
2021	603
2022	964
2023	1692
2024	1701



Since its adoption in 2017, Missouri schools have awarded **7,410** Seals of Biliteracy.

Participating Districts/Schools

Year	Participants
2018	40
2019	65
2020	86
2021	89
2022	103
2023	114
2024	123



Languages Represented

In the 2023-24 school year, Seals of Biliteracy were awarded for proficiency in English and the following 42 languages: Arabic, Armenian, American Sign Language, Bengali, Bosnian, Cantonese, Chuukese, Bulgarian, Danish, Dari, Farsi, French, German, Gujarati, Hebrew, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Karen, Kashmiri, Korean, Loj, Latin, Macedonian, Malaysian, Mandarin, Norwegian, Pashto, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Swahili, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

Missouri Seal Award Options

The Missouri Seal of Biliteracy and Distinguished Missouri Seal of Biliteracy are awarded to graduating high school students in districts with a DESE-approved Seal of Biliteracy program, who have demonstrated achievement in English, a language other than English (LOTE), and in sociocultural competence. The state does not require specific coursework to earn the Missouri Seal of Biliteracy. All Missouri students studying any of the world's languages are potential Seal candidates.

Award	Description
Distinguished Missouri Seal of Biliteracy	The Distinguished Missouri Seal of Biliteracy is for students who show proficiency in English and at least the Advanced-Low level of proficiency in two or more languages other than English. Students must also demonstrate positive attitudes toward bilingualism and use both languages in a culturally appropriate way.
Missouri Seal of Biliteracy	The standard Missouri Seal is awarded to students who show a high level of achievement in English and an intermediate-mid or higher level of proficiency in a language other than English. Students must also demonstrate positive attitudes toward bilingualism and use both languages in a culturally appropriate way.

Multiple Seals Earned by Individual Students

In 2023-24, nineteen students earned the Missouri Seal of Biliteracy for English and **two** additional languages. Five of these students received the Distinguished Seal in one of the additional languages. Two students received the Distinguished Seal in both additional languages.

Criteria for Languages Other Than English

All students must demonstrate proficiency in both English and a language other than English. Districts/schools determine the instrument(s) used for assessment and how to best fund the assessments. Selected assessments must be aligned with language proficiency levels used by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). A minimum achievement of Intermediate-Mid proficiency on an approved assessment taken during the junior or senior year is

required to earn a Missouri Seal of Biliteracy. Students achieving a minimum proficiency of Advanced-Low are eligible for the Distinguished Missouri Seal of Biliteracy.

Criteria for Language Proficiency in English

Students must earn a minimum score of Proficient on the English II End-of-Course (EOC) assessment. If the student does not earn a satisfactory score on the English II EOC, an ACT score of 18 in English or Reading may be used for the Missouri Seal of Biliteracy and an ACT score of 21 in English or Reading may be used for the Distinguished Seal of Biliteracy. An SAT score of 480 or above in Reading and Writing would also meet the requirements for the Missouri Seal of Biliteracy.

Students entering high school designated as an English learner (EL) may substitute a minimum score of 4.0 on the WIDA ACCESS language proficiency assessment for the Missouri Seal of Biliteracy. To earn the Distinguished Seal, ELs must earn an overall proficiency of 4.7 or higher on the WIDA ACCESS.

Students are only required to meet one standardized measure of English proficiency.

If a student has specific accommodations written into their individualized education plan (IEP) or 504 plan that is applicable to either the English or LOTE assessment, those may certainly be used.

Sociocultural Competence

Students must demonstrate high levels of sociocultural competence as it relates to English and the LOTE. Decisions on selected measures lie solely with the district/school and must include measures for demonstrating positive attitudes toward bilingualism and using both languages in a culturally appropriate way. Districts/schools develop rubrics to use in the assessment of sociocultural competency and articulate minimum criteria for achievement in this area. Some activities that demonstrate sociocultural competency include:

- translation assisting community organization
- completion of community service project using both languages
- active participation in multicultural community events
- an essay explaining how proficiency in both languages will help the community

Students Demographics

English as a First Language Speakers (L1)

The percentage of students earning a Missouri Seal of Biliteracy in 2023-2024 who were identified as English as first language speakers: **61%**

English as a Second Language and/or Heritage Language Speakers (L2)

The percentage of students earning a Missouri Seal of Biliteracy in 2023-2024 who were identified as having a first language or heritage language other than English: **39%**

A heritage speaker is an individual who grows up in a household where a minority or heritage language is the primary language spoken. An English learner is someone who is in the process of acquiring English as a second language, often due to migration or other circumstances.

2023-2024 Missouri Seals and Distinguished Seals by School/District

Only those schools/districts awarding the Missouri Seal of Biliteracy or Distinguished Seal to students graduating in 2023-24 are included. Suppression has been applied for totals of less than 5 students.

For each school/district, the languages for which awards were presented are listed. An asterisk (*) has been used to identify the level of achievement for each language.

Academy Lafayette International High School

Total Awards: 14

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 93%

L2 Speakers: 7%

Allen Village

Total Awards: 7

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 0% L2 Speakers: 100%

Bayless

Total Awards: 17

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Bosnian	*	*
Vietnamese	*	

L1 Speakers: 0% L2 Speakers: 100%

Blue Springs R-IV

Total Awards: 20

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 60%

L2 Speakers: 40%

Branson R-IV

Total Awards: 13

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 62%

L2 Speakers: 38%

Brentwood

Total Awards: 7

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
German	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100%

L2 Speakers: 0%

Cape Girardeau

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Mandarin	*	*
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 0% L2 Speakers: 100%

One student earned Seals for English and two additional languages.

Carl Junction R-I

Total Awards: 9

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 67%

L2 Speakers: 33%

Carthage R-IX

Total Awards: 24

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 0% L2 Speakers: 100%

Chillicothe R-II

Total Awards: 5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 0% L2 Speakers: 100%

Clayton

Total Certificates: 37

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
German	*	
Hindi	*	
Italian		*
Latin		*
Mandarin	*	*
Russian	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 89%

L2 Speakers: 11%

One student earned a Seal for English and two additional languages. One student received the Distinguished Seal for English and in two additional languages.

Columbia 93

Total Certificates: 17

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Japanese	*	*
Latin	*	
Spanish	*	*
Tagalog	*	

English L1 Speakers: 59% **English L2** Speakers: 41%

One student earned Seals for English and two additional languages.

Cor Jesu Academy

Total Awards: 25

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 100%**L2** Speakers: 0%**Crossroads Charter Schools**

Total Awards: 8

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 38%**L2** Speakers: 62%**Epstein Hebrew Academy**

Total Awards: 6

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Hebrew	*	

L1 Speakers: 100%**L2** Speakers: 0%**Ferguson-Florissant**

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	

L1 Speakers: 100%**L2** Speakers: 0%**Francis Howell**

Total Certificates: 40

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Arabic		*
French	*	*
German	*	
Korean	*	*
Malaysian	*	
Spanish	*	*
Tamil	*	
Telugu		*
Turkish	*	

L1 Speakers: 68%**L2** Speakers: 32%

One student earned Seals for English and two additional languages - one Standard and one Distinguished.

Ft. Zumwalt R-II

Total Awards: 19

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Arabic		
French	*	*
German	*	
Hindi	*	*
Korean	*	
Portuguese	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 79% L2 Speakers: 21%

One student earned Seals for English and two additional languages.

Guadalupe Centers Schools

Total Certificates: 58

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 1% L1 Speakers: 99%

Hallsville R-IV

Total Awards: 7

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 99% L2 Speakers: 1%

Hancock Place

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Bosnian		*
Spanish		*

L1 Speakers: 0% L2 Speakers: 100%

Hannibal 60

Total Awards: 9

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100% L2 Speakers: 0%

Independence 30

Total Awards: 24

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 100% L2 Speakers: 0%

Joplin Schools

Total Awards: 16

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Hindi	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 50%

L2 Speakers: 50%

Kansas City 33

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 0%

L2 Speakers: 100%

Kearney R-I

Total Awards: 5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
German	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100%

L2 Speakers: 0%

Kirkwood R-VII

Total Awards: 31

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	*
German	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 99%

L2 Speakers: 1%

Ladue

Total Awards: 61

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
German	*	*
Mandarin	*	
Portuguese	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 89%

L2 Speakers: 11%

Lebanon R-III

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100%

English L2 Speakers: 0%

Lee's Summit R-VII

Total Awards: 127

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
American Sign Language	*	
French	*	
German	*	*
Gujaranti	*	*
Mandarin	*	
Russian	*	
Spanish	*	*
Turkish	*	
Vietnamese	*	

L1 Speakers: 72%

L2 Speakers: 28%

Liberty 53

Total Awards: 73

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Danish	*	
French	*	
German	*	*
Italian	*	*
Macedonian	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 78%

L2 Speakers: 22%

Lindbergh Schools

Total Awards: 68

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	*
German	*	*
Mandarin	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 97%

L2 Speakers: 3%

Lutheran High School of St. Charles County

Total Awards: 11

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 82%

L2 Speakers: 18%

Macon County R-I

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 100%

L2 Speakers: 0%

Maplewood-Richmond Heights

Total Awards: 6

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Spanish	*	
Vietnamese	*	

L1 Speakers: 99%

L2 Speakers: 1%

Marshall

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 0%

L2 Speakers: 100%

Marshfield R-1

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Serbian		*
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 0%

L2 Speakers: 100%

Mary Institute and St. Louis County Day School

Total Awards: 65

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Mandarin	*	*
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 92%

L2 Speakers: 8%

McDonald County R-I

Total Awards: 28

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 1%

L2 Speakers: 99%

Mexico

Total Awards: 12

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	*
Mandarin	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 75%

L2 Speakers: 25%

Neosho School District

Total Awards: 14

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 0%

L2 Speakers: 100%

Nerinx Hall

Total Awards: 12

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	*
Mandarin	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 67%

L2 Speakers: 33%

Nixa

Total Awards: 14

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 86%

L2 Speakers: 14%

North Kansas City 74

Total Awards: 58

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Karen		*
Portuguese		*
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 72%

L2 Speakers: 28%

Northwest R-I

Total Awards: 6

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
German	*	
Spanish	*	*

English L2 Speakers: 67% English L1 Speakers: 33%

Ozark R-VI

Total Awards: 13

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Russian	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 82%

L2 Speakers: 18%

Parkway C-2

Total Awards: 213

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Arabic	*	
Armenian	*	
American Sign Language	*	
Bengali	*	
Bosnian		*
Bulgarian	*	
Cantonese		*
Dari	*	
Farsi		*
French	*	*
German	*	
Hebrew	*	
Hindi	*	
Indonesian	*	
Italian	*	
Japanese	*	*
Kashmiri	*	
Korean	*	*
Latin	*	*
Mandarin	*	*
Norwegian	*	
Pashto	*	
Persian	*	
Portuguese	*	
Russian	*	
Spanish	*	*
Tamil	*	*
Urdu	*	

L1 Speakers: - n/a L2 Speakers: n/a

Pattonville

Total Awards: 6

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
German	*	
Spanish	*	*
Tamil	*	
Vietnamese	*	

L1 Speakers: 67%

L2 Speakers: 33%

Raymore-Peculiar R-II

Total Awards: 25

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 100%

L2 Speakers: 0%

Raytown C-2

Total Awards: 21

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 67%

L2 Speakers: 33%

Reeds Spring

Total Awards: <5

Language	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100%

L2 Speakers: 0%

Republic R-III

Total Awards: 11

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Arabic	*	
Russian	*	
Spanish	*	*
Tamil	*	*
Ukrainian		*

L1 Speakers: 73% L2 Speakers: 27%

One student earned Seals for English and **two** additional languages (one Standard and one Distinguished)**Ritenour**

Total Awards: 14

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 7%

L2 Speakers: 93%

Rockwood R-VI

Total Awards: 125

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Arabic	*	
French	*	*
German	*	
Polish	*	
Russian	*	*
Spanish	*	*
Tamil	*	*

L1 Speakers: 93%

L2 Speakers: 7%

Two students earned Seals for English and **two** additional languages.

School of The Osage

Total Awards: 9

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100%

L2 Speakers: 0%

Sedalia 200

Total Awards: 7

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Russian	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 0%

L2 Speakers: 100%

Smithton R-VI

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Russian	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 50%

L2 Speakers: 50%

Springfield R-XII

Total Awards: 97

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Arabic	*	
French	*	
Italian		*
Japanese	*	
Portuguese	*	
Russian		*
Spanish	*	*
Ukrainian	*	
Vietnamese	*	*

L1 Speakers: 77%

L2 Speakers: 23%

Five students earned Seals for English and **two** additional languages. One earned Distinguished Seals in both additional languages; Two earned one Standard Seal and one Distinguished Seal.

St. Charles R-VI

Total Awards: 21

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 57%

L2 Speakers: 43%

St. Dominic

Total Awards: 13

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
Spanish		*

L1 Speakers:100%

L2 Speakers: 0%

St. Joseph

Total Awards: 19

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Chuukese	*	
French	*	
German		*
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 58% L2 Speakers: 42%

St. Louis City

Total Awards: 9

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Bosnian	*	
German	*	
Karen		*
Lao	*	
Russian	*	
Spanish	*	
Vietnamese	*	

L1 Speakers: 22% L2 Speakers: 88%

St. Pius X High School

Total Awards: 5

Language	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100% L2 Speakers: 0%

St. Teresa's Academy

Total Awards: 27

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	*
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 93% L2 Speakers: 7%

Summit Christian Academy

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 0% L2 Speakers: 100%

Troy R-III

Total Awards: <5

Language	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100% L2 Speakers: 0%

University City

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	
Swahili	*	

L1 Speakers: 75% L2 Speakers: 25%

Valley Park

Total Awards: 8

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 50% L2 Speakers: 50%

Visitation Academy

Total Awards: 18

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	*
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 100% L2 Speakers: 0%

Warren County

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 50% L2 Speakers: 50%

Washington

Total Awards: 6

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
German	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100% L2 Speakers: 0%

Waynesville R-VI

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	

L1 Speakers: 100% L2 Speakers: 0%

Webb City R-VII

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
German	*	
Spanish	*	*

L1 Speakers: 25% L2 Speakers: 75%

Webster Groves

Total Awards: 20

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
French	*	
German	*	
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100%

L2 Speakers: 0%

Windsor C-1

Total Awards: <5

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100%

L2 Speakers: 0%

Wright City R-II Of Warren Co.

Total Awards: 7

Languages	Seal	Distinguished
Spanish	*	

L1 Speakers: 100%

L2 Speakers: 0%